

Director's Meeting

Wednesday, 26 December 1951

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wolf, Wisner, [ ] Becker.

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Mr. Wolf discussed briefly with the DCI the question of the employment of General [ ] for work in connection with medical matters and the DCI suggested that Mr. Wolf speak to him later about this.

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There was a brief discussion initiated by Mr. Dulles respecting the briefing of Admiral Radford (Headquarters in Hawaii) respecting CIA operations and activities in Southeast Asia. The DCI pointed out that the Navy has the responsibility for keeping Admiral Radford informed and also that there are Army and Air Force officers having responsibilities in the same area. The DCI approved having Messrs. Kirkpatrick and [ ] brief Admiral Radford when they pass through Hawaii on their forthcoming trip, but indicated that he desired to ascertain from the Navy how Navy wanted the once-a-month or other periodic briefing of Admiral Radford handled.

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Mr. Dulles referred to a phone call from Adm. Johnson respecting a recent request for certain Naval officers, which had been made by CIA. Adm. Johnson stated that the specific individuals desired were key men, but he would be willing to supply adequate substitutes. During the discussion on this point, the DCI indicated that military personnel should not be requested by name. The qualifications desired should be given and individuals might be pointed to as exemplifying the caliber desired.

The DCI noted the CIA item predicting a probable revolt in Thailand.

Mr. Wisner reported that our best present information was that Donnelly (presently in Austria) might well succeed McCloy.

There was a brief discussion of the possibility of picking up some Communist agents in retaliation for the imprisoning and fining of American flyers by Hungary. It was the consensus of the meeting that this matter should be looked into, but that it might well be more desirable to keep known agents under surveillance, rather than to pick them up and have to discover and become acquainted with their replacements.

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There was another brief discussion of the man referred to by General Bolling as adequate to do the coordination job [redacted]. Lt. [redacted] whose name was first suggested, is apparently presently working for CIA. In response to a phone call from the DCI, Gen. Weckerling undertook to get the name of another man adequate for this job and Mr. Wisner undertook to follow up directly with Gen. Weckerling.

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Mr. Dulles inquired respecting efficiency reports that have been requested on certain men considered for South America and Mr. Becker undertook to follow through on this. Mr. Dulles is to give the names of these men to Mr. Becker.

At the request of Mr. Wisner, the DCI approved having [redacted] attend meetings of the PSB. The DCI also suggested that it would be appropriate for CIA to have an official representative present at such meetings in addition to himself and it was felt that Mr. [redacted] should be such representative.

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Mr. [redacted] asked the DCI whether the end of this week would be time enough for the progress report to the President and the DCI stated that it would.

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